

MINUTES
WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT
REGULAR SESSION
WEDNESDAY – JANUARY 19, 2022

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Waller County, Texas, met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Wednesday, the 19th day of January 2022 at its meeting place in the Commissioners Courtroom of the Waller County Courthouse, Hempstead, Texas. The meeting was called to order by Waller County Judge Trey Duhon at 9:02 a.m. with the following members of the Court present to-wit:

Carbett "Trey" J. Duhon III, County Judge
Walter Smith, Commissioner Precinct 2
Kendric D. Jones, Commissioner Precinct 3
Justin Beckendorff, Commissioner Precinct 4
Debbie Hollan, County Clerk
Absent: John A. Amsler, Commissioner Precinct 1

Delivery of Invocation by: Commissioner Smith
Pledge to the American Flag and Texas Flag led by: Commissioner Beckendorff

1. **Approval of Agenda.**

Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

<i>Judge Trey Duhon</i>	<i>- Yes</i>	<i>Commissioner Amsler</i>	<i>- Absent</i>	<i>Commissioner Smith</i>	<i>- Yes</i>
		<i>Commissioner Jones</i>	<i>- Yes</i>	<i>Commissioner Beckendorff</i>	<i>- Yes</i>

PUBLIC COMMENT

To slow the spread of COVID-19, the public may make public comment at the beginning of the meeting by teleconference. **Local callers should call 979-921-6212.** Non-local callers should call 800-576-1131. The user code for both numbers is **14329937**. Callers will be asked if they would like to make public comment. After public comment, the teleconference line will be closed. The public may continue to watch the meeting streamed online at <http://wallercountytexas.swagit.com/live>.

The following Public Members made Public Comment:

1. Larry Parr
2. Dr. Denise Mattox
3. Leshia Roberts

CONSENT AGENDA

Items identified within the consent agenda are of a routine nature, and will be passed with one vote without being discussed separately. If a member of the court or public requests that a particular item be discussed, that agenda item will be pulled from the Consent Agenda and discussed as part of the regular agenda at the appropriate time. One vote will approve the remaining items on the Consent Agenda.

2. **Approval of the minutes** – January 12, 2022 Regular Session
3. **Request to approve payment on the following:**
 - (a) 1,165.00 for Invoice dated January 5, 2022 to Schmidt Funeral Home from line item 125-423-540705 [Transport to Morgue].

- (b) \$1,360.00 for Invoice #75946 to Texas Association of Counties from line item 125-411-562300 [County Organizational Dues].
- (c) \$2,271.76 for Invoice # 2022-12 to H-GAC from line item 125-411-562300 [County Organizational Dues].
- (d) \$6,958.45 for Invoice # 268744 to ICS from line item 125-411-542501 [Telephone/Equip & Svc].

- 4. Request by County Treasurer for approval of payment for State Quarterly Reports.
- 5. Request by County Auditor for approval and/or ratification of Accounts Payable.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

<i>Judge Trey Duhon</i> – Yes	<i>Commissioner Amsler</i> – Absent	<i>Commissioner Smith</i> – Yes
	<i>Commissioner Jones</i> – Yes	<i>Commissioner Beckendorff</i> – Yes

WALLER COUNTY CHILD WELFARE BOARD

- 6. Discuss and take action to approve the reappointments of Waller County Child Welfare Board members for 2022.

Judge Duhon made motion Sherry Whitely and Sherry McIntire both be appointed to 3 year terms and then Katina Harris and Tracy Sebesta appointed to 1 year terms, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

<i>Judge Trey Duhon</i> – Yes	<i>Commissioner Amsler</i> – Absent	<i>Commissioner Smith</i> – Yes
	<i>Commissioner Jones</i> – Yes	<i>Commissioner Beckendorff</i> – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff moved to appoint Linde Guidry to a 3 year term, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

<i>Judge Trey Duhon</i> – Yes	<i>Commissioner Amsler</i> – Absent	<i>Commissioner Smith</i> – Yes
	<i>Commissioner Jones</i> – Yes	<i>Commissioner Beckendorff</i> – Yes

(Judge Duhon gave oath to 2 board members whom were present)

- 7. **Presentation** by Katina Harris on the status of the Child Welfare Board.
No action required.

COUNTY JUDGE

- 8. Discuss and take action to appoint members to subcommittee for purpose of evaluating and recommending changes to subdivision and mobile home regulations, in addition to minimum requirements for development and construction standards. *(no backup submitted)*

Judge Duhon made motion to create a subcommittee for the purpose of evaluating and recommending changes to subdivision and mobile home regulations, processes in addition to minimum requirements for development and construction standards comprised of Commissioner Smith, County Engineer Yancy Scott, Assistant Engineer Jared Chen, Environmental Chief Tonya Mewis, EHRA Principle Jim Russ, Assistant DA Steve Dunbar, Commissioner Justin Beckendorff, Mr. Bill Conlin, Brandy Tieman, and Vince Yokom.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

<i>Judge Trey Duhon</i> – Yes	<i>Commissioner Amsler</i> – Absent	<i>Commissioner Smith</i> – Yes
	<i>Commissioner Jones</i> – Yes	<i>Commissioner Beckendorff</i> – Yes

SHERIFF

9. Discuss and take action to approve MOU with federal and local task forces.

(no backup submitted)

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Commissioner Smith made motion to table agenda item, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote. **Item TABLED.**

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Absent

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Jones – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

10. ~~Discuss and take action to approve request to set aside funds for paid overtime for personnel assigned to various federal task forces.~~

Item WITHDRAWN.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

11. Discuss and take action to approve resolution for Waller County to join the Texas Board of Texas Veterinary Medical Examiners Task Force and to authorize the County Judge and District Attorney to Execute the Interlocal Agreement to effectuate such working relationship.

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Absent

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Jones – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

CONSTRUCTION MANAGER

12. Discuss and take action to approve letter to the Texas Historical Commission in Austin concerning the future of the Waller County Courthouse.

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Absent

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Jones – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

13. Discuss and take action to approve payment of \$188,752.00 for Invoice # 4958 to B&C Constructors for the demolition of the old Waller County Jail located at 701 Calvit Street. Funds to be paid from line item 125-600-587522 [Jail Demolition].

Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Absent

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Jones – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

14. Discuss and take action to approve payment of \$900.00 for Invoice # 5912 to Power Associates for assistance with removal of salvaged 911 Dispatch panels and UPS equipment. Funds to be paid from line item 125-600-587522 [Jail Demolition].

Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Absent

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Jones – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

MISCELLANEOUS

15. Discuss and take action to approve payment of \$11,713.86 for Invoice # 116339 to Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP from line item 125-411-540300 [Legal].

Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Absent

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Jones – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

16. Discuss and take action to amend County policies in relation to COVID-19.

No action taken.

17. Discuss and take action to deliberate business and financial issues in executive session based on determination and recommendation from the District Attorney's Office that deliberation in an open meeting regarding business and financial issues related to the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real properties in Precinct 1 and Precinct 4 would have a detrimental effect on the position of the County in negotiations with third persons.

Motion made by Commissioner Beckendorff, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Absent

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Jones – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

EXECUTIVE SESSION

18. Deliberate business and financial issues related to the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real properties in Precinct 1 and Precinct 4 pursuant to Government Code Sections 551.072 and 551.0725.

19. Consultation with District Attorney and outside counsel pursuant to Government Code Section 551.071.

Court convened to Executive Session at 10:09 a.m.

Court reconvened from Executive Session at 10:30 a.m.

20. Reconvene in Open Session to take any action necessary on matters discussed in Executive Session.

Commissioner Beckendorff moved to approve litigation against the owners of property IDs 13313 and 140297 related to platting requirements and the Woods Road Phase 2 Project.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Absent

Commissioner Smith – Yes

Commissioner Jones – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

ADJOURN MEETING

Motion to **adjourn** meeting by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Beckendorff.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote.

Judge Trey Duhon – Yes

Commissioner Amsler – Absent

Commissioner Smith – Yes

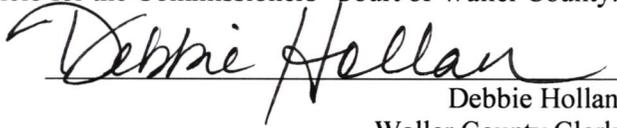
Commissioner Jones – Yes

Commissioner Beckendorff – Yes

Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 10:30 a.m.

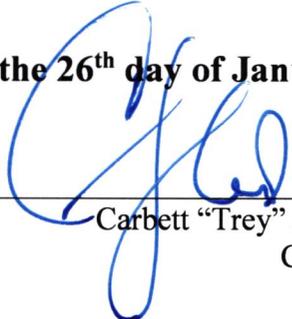
I **ATTEST** that the above proceedings are the true and correct minutes taken in my capacity as
Ex-Officio for the Commissioners' Court of Waller County.





Debbie Hollan
Waller County Clerk

APPROVED this the 26th day of January 2022.



Carbett "Trey" J. Duhon, III
County Judge